

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A roller particularly suitable for applying varnishes onto sheet metal plates comprises a hollow roller core (10). The hollow roller core (10) is connected with pins (16,18) via coupling elements (20,22) arranged in the interior of the roller core (10). With respect to the front faces (26), the coupling elements (20,22) are arranged so as to be inwardly offset. Air exit openings are provided in a border region (28) of the roller core (10). A channel forming element (34) is provided to connect the air exit openings (32) with a roller interior (44). Through the channel forming element (34), a channel (36) is formed connected with the roller interior (44) via the opening (42) provided in the coupling element (20).

(Figure)